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PIMPLE

**ACNE, TEEN-AGE PIMPLES,
SURFACE SKIN BLEMISHES
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**GUARANTEED
TO HELP YOUR
SKIN LOOK
LOVELIER AND
MORE ATTRACTIVE
IN A FEW
MINUTES
OR DOUBLE
YOUR MONEY BACK!**

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SKIN
SPECIALISTS
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TO NEGLECT YOUR SKIN MAY
PROLONG YOUR COMPLEXION
TROUBLE AND MAKE IT
MORE DIFFICULT TO CLEAR UP!**

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The DURANGO KID

THE FLAMES WERE CRACKLING NOW, JUMPING HIGH, DOING A SORT OF CRAZY DEATH DANCE! THEY KEPT COMING CLOSER TO THE DURANGO KID—THESE WEAVING, FLICKERING, HOT-TONGUED FLAMES! AND THE INDIANS WHO HAD SET FIRE TO THE TALL GRASS, SMILED GRIMLY—FOR AT LAST THEY WERE OBEYING

"THE COMMAND TO KILL!"



IN HIS LONELY TEPEE, SPOTTED BEAR, THE AGED HALF-BLIND MEDICINE MAN, SQUATS FEARFULLY IN THE SHADOWS...



SUDDENLY— I HAVE COME, SPOTTED BEAR! I HAVE COME AGAIN... WITH MY COMMAND TO KILL!

AIEEE!



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TELL YOUR CHIEF—
IF BY TOMORROW NIGHT,
YOUR PEOPLE HAVE
NOT KILLED A WHITE
MAN, ONE OF YOU
WILL DIE!

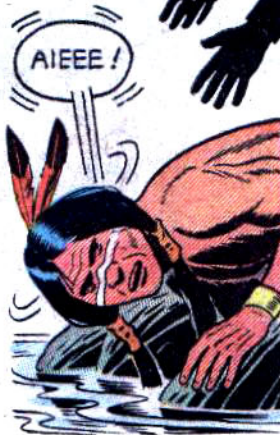
IN THE
MORNING—

I KNOW YOURS ARE NOT LYING WORDS,
SPOTTED BEAR—THAT YOU ARE TRULY
TROUBLED BY YOUR VISION. BUT OUR TRIBE
HAS MADE TREATY WITH THE WHITE MAN. WE
HAVE LIVED AT PEACE FOR MANY MOONS.
MY ANSWER IS: NO! WE SHALL
NOT OBEY THE COMMAND!



SO THE DAY ROLLS PEACE-
FULLY BY. AND WHEN THE
SUN RISES AGAIN, A LONE
BRAVE IS DRINKING AT
A STREAM...

A TWIG SNAPS BEHIND
HIM!



AIEEE!



AARGH!

AND THEN SPOTTED
BEAR'S VISION GLIDES
SLOWLY AWAY...



WHEN THE BODY HAS BEEN DISCOVERED—

SOON AFTER—

HOMER ON THUH
RANGE—WHAR
THUH DEER AN' THUH ANTELOPE
PLAY... ♪♪♪♪

NOW WILL
YOU DO AS
THE
VISION
COMMANDS,
GREAT
CHIEF?!

MY HEART IS HEAVY—BUT
THERE IS NO OTHER PATH
TO FOLLOW. SO BE IT! LET
THE SQUAWS PREPARE
THE TORTURE STAKE. LET
THE WARRIORS RIDE OUT
AND CAPTURE A WHITE
MAN...



THUDD!

GNNNG!

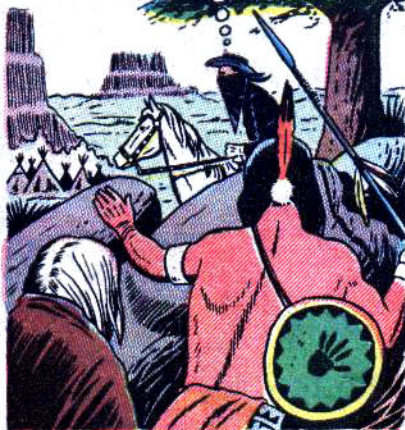
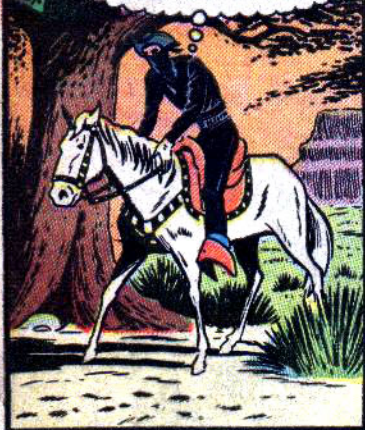


MINUTES LATER...

CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HOLDING MULEY UP! HE WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET—HEY! THOSE ARE SCUFFLE MARKS!

THE TRAIL LEADS STRAIGHT TO THE ENCAMPMENT / SOMETHING'S WRONG—THIS TRIBE'S BEEN AT PEACE FOR YEARS!

STOP! THAT BLACK CAPE... THE MASK! HE IS THE VISION COME TO SEE HOW WE HAVE OBEYED HIS COMMAND!



OH, VISION, EVEN NOW THE WHITE MAN IS TIED TO THE TORTURE STAKE!

HE'S HALF-BLIND... AND HE'S MISTAKEN ME FOR SOMEBODY ELSE! I'LL HAVE TO PLAY ALONG—IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE TO FREE MULEY...



GOOD OLE DURANGO! I KNEW HE'D SHOW UP!



BUT THEN—

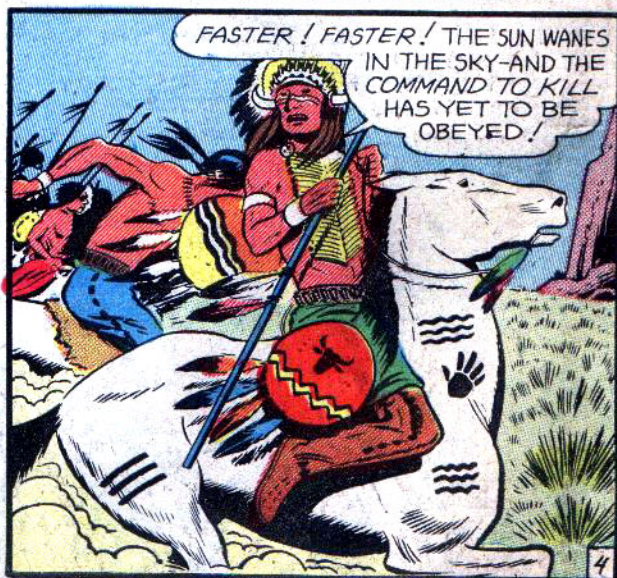
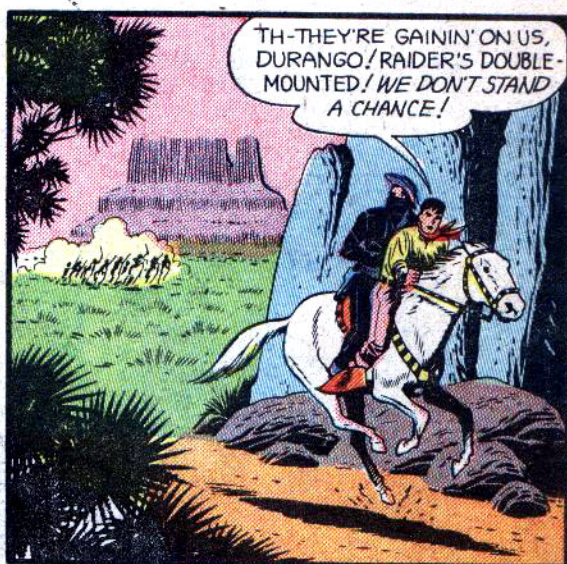
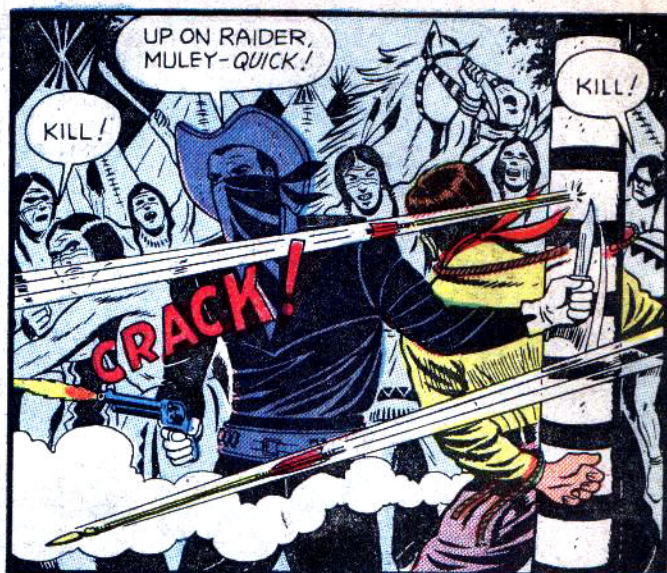
LET ME BE THE FIRST TO SEAR HIM WITH THE FLAME!

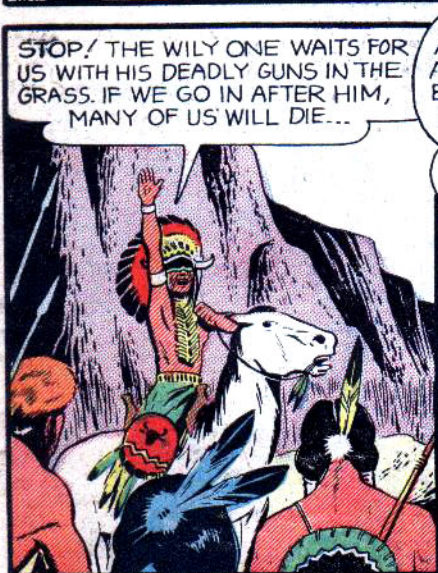
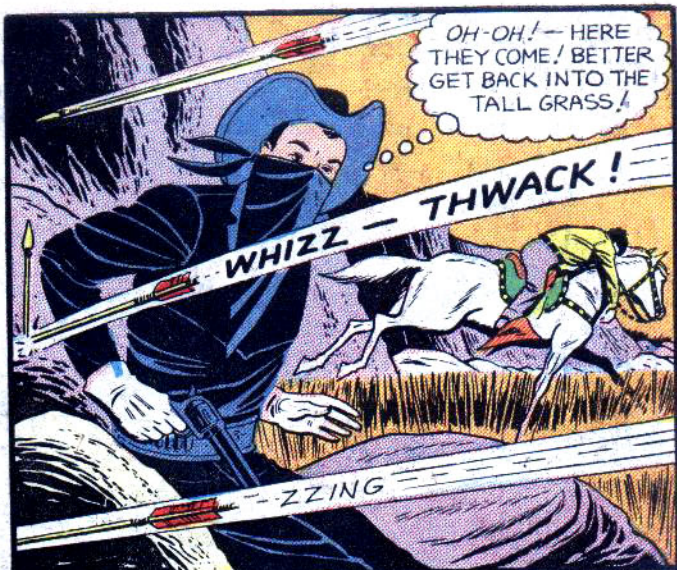
HEY! YOU GONE LOCO?!



D-DURANGO, WH-WHUT'RE YUH DOIN'?! HERE I'VE BEEN PRAYIN' YUH'D COME—AN' NOW THET YUH'RE HERE, I'M W-WORSE OFF THAN EVER!









BUT THAT NIGHT—

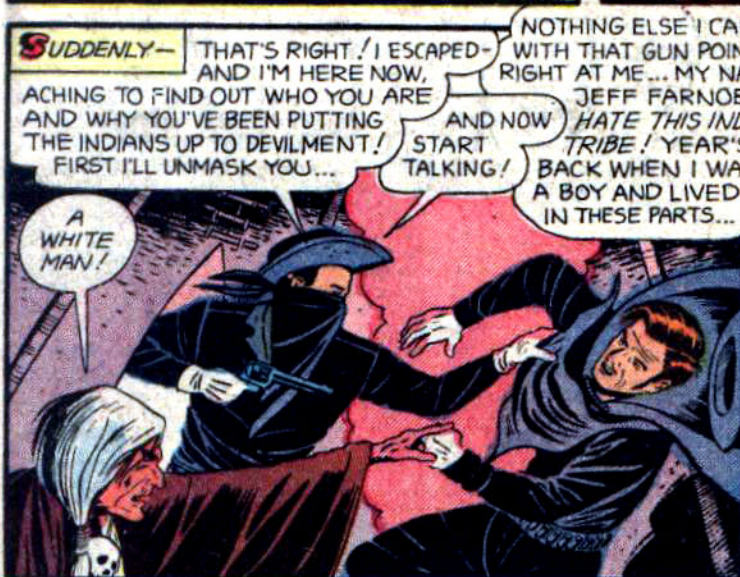
AIEEEEE!
WHY HAVE

FOOL!

YOU RETURNED? WE DID AS
YOU COMMANDED! WE
KILLED A WHITE
MAN!



THE WHITE MAN ESCAPED THE
FLAMES! IN THE CLIFF AT HIS
BACK WAS THE AIR-VENT OF
AN ABANDONED MINE!



SUDDENLY—

THAT'S RIGHT! I ESCAPED—
AND I'M HERE NOW,
ACHING TO FIND OUT WHO YOU ARE
AND WHY YOU'VE BEEN PUTTING
THE INDIANS UP TO DEVILMENT!
FIRST I'LL UNMASK YOU...

AND NOW
START
TALKING!

NOTHING ELSE I CAN DO
WITH THAT GUN POINTING
RIGHT AT ME... MY NAME'S
JEFF FARNOE! I
HATE THIS INDIAN
TRIBE! YEAR'S
BACK WHEN I WAS
A BOY AND LIVED
IN THESE PARTS...

A
WHITE
MAN!



"THEY WIPED OUT MY WHOLE FAMILY ON ONE OF THEIR RAIDS!"

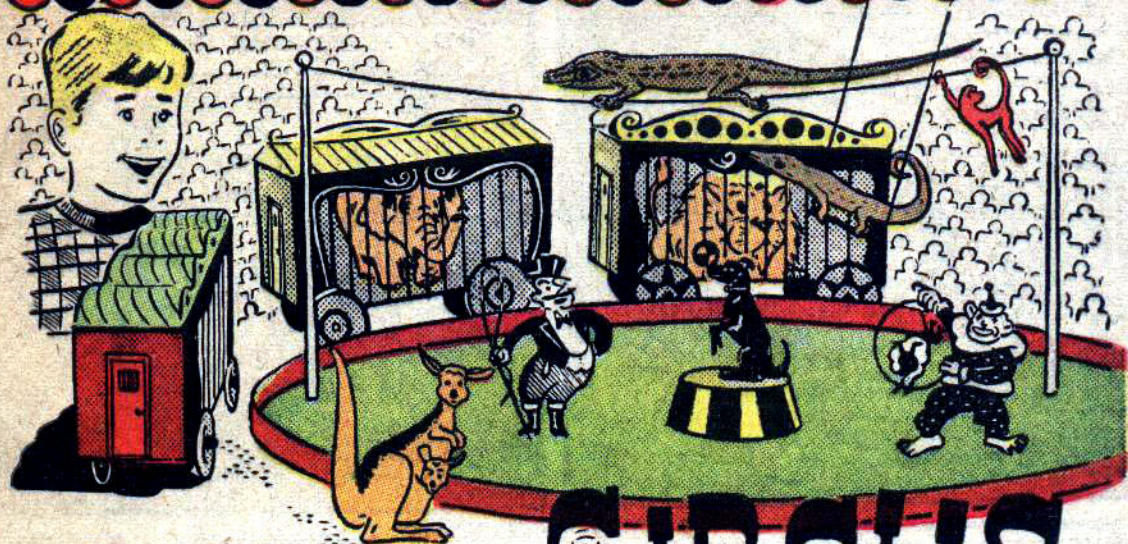
KILL!

((AARGH!))



"I WAS ONLY A BOY—BUT I TOOK AN
OATH OVER THE BODIES OF MY PARENTS
AND MY LITTLE SISTER..."

I'LL GET THEM
ALL—EVERY ONE
OF THOSE RED—
DEVILS, IF IT'S
THE LAST THING
I DO!



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"I WAS SENT BACK EAST WHERE MY UNCLE BROUGHT ME UP. HE WORKED THE THEATRE CIRCUIT AS A HYPNOTIST..."

IT'S A QUEER TRADE I'LL BE TEACHING YOU, YOUNG JEFF - BUT IT'S AS GOOD AS ANY.



"MY UNCLE DIED... AND I TOOK OVER THE ACT!"

BRAVO! THE MAN'S SUPERB! HE CAN MAKE PEOPLE DO ANYTHING AT ALL SIMPLY BY STARING INTO THEIR EYES!



AS THE YEARS PASSED, I NEVER FORGOT THAT OATH! A MONTH AGO I TRAVELLED OUT HERE. I BEGAN VISITING THE OLD MEDICINE MAN AT NIGHT, AND USED HYPNOTISM TO MAKE HIM BELIEVE I WAS A VISION! I FIGURED THAT ONCE THE TRIBE BEGAN KILLING WHITE MEN, THE ARMY WOULD WIPE THEM OUT!



NOW THAT I'VE TOLD YOU MY STORY, IT'S NOT GOING TO DO YOU ANY GOOD! BECAUSE I'VE BEEN STARING INTO YOUR EYES WHILE TALKING - AND YOU'RE IN A TRANCE NOW, HELPLESS...



...AND I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU NEVER SNAP OUT OF IT!



BUT BEFORE THE HYPNOTIST CAN SQUEEZE TRIGGER-



I HEARD ALL. HE WAS AN EVIL MAN. I STABBED HIM BEFORE HE COULD SHOOT YOU.

WHEW - THAT WAS CLOSE! NOW LET'S GO SEE YOUR CHIEF AND EXPLAIN TO HIM THAT THE COMMAND TO KILL WAS A PHONY!



THE END

the DURANGO KID

—IN—
THE
CHALLENGE
AT
SKULL GORGE

—FRED GUARDINESE

ALL RIGHT,
BLACK MIKE—THIS
IS IT! IT'S GOING
TO BE EITHER YOU
OR ME!

DUCK, BOYS—
THE LEAD'S GONNA
BE THICKER'N SMOKE
IN JEST ONE
MINUTE!



THE BIG CITY—A MAN IS LET OUT OF THE FEDERAL JAIL...

SO LONG, BLACK MIKE—YUH'VE
SERVED YORE TIME, HOMBRE.
NOW KEEP OUTA TROUBLE!

YEAH, I'LL KEEP OUTA TROUBLE,
ALL RIGHT—AFTER I GIT
RID O' DURANGO!



WORD PASSES ALONG THE OWLHOOT GRAPEVINE...

PASS THUH WORD, PAL—BLACK
MIKE'S OUTA JAIL AN' GUNNIN'
FER DURANGO! HE'S CALLIN'
FER MEN—YUH'IN?

COUNT ME
IN! I'LL GO
ROUND UP
THUH REST O'
MUH BOYS!



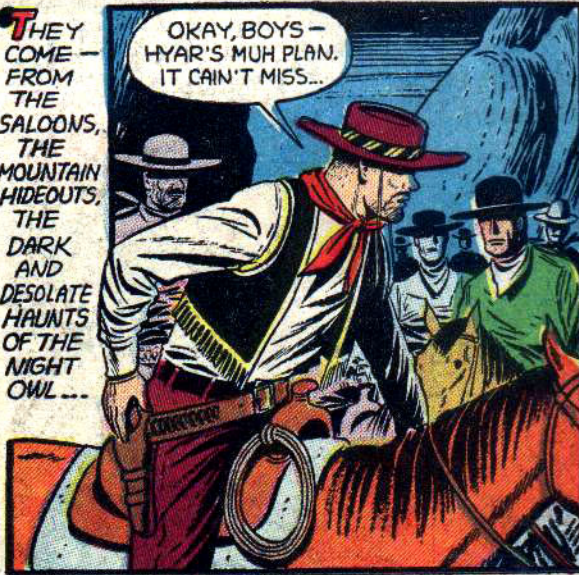
THIS IS IT, BOYS—
BLACK MIKE'S OUTA
JAIL AN' CALLIN' FER
MEN! LET'S GO!

HEAR TELL
HE'S GOT A SURE-
FIRE PLAN TUH GIT
DURANGO!



THEY
COME—
FROM
THE
SALOONS,
THE
MOUNTAIN
HIDEOUTS,
THE
DARK
AND
DESOLATE
HAUNTS
OF THE
NIGHT OWL...

OKAY, BOYS—
HYAR'S MUH PLAN.
IT CAN'T MISS...



A FEW DAYS LATER... THE DURANGO KID INTERRUPTS A RUSTLING RAID!



JEST IN TIME, DURANGO!

WOW! THEM RUSTLERS IS TURNIN' TAIL AN' SKIDADDLING AWAY—SOON AS THEY SAW DURANGO!

COME ON—AFTER 'EM!

THAT HOMBRE'S HORSE TRIPPED!

WAL, WE'LL GIT **ONE** OF 'EM ANYHOW! DON'T LET 'IM GIT AWAY!

IT'S IDAHO HARRY! I GOT HIS PICTURE ON FIVE "WANTED" POSTERS! START TALKIN', HARRY!

WHO'S THE BOSS OF THIS RUSTLING OUTFIT—AND WHERE DO THEY HANG OUT?

OKAY, I'LL TALK—EF YUH'LL MAKE IT EASIER ON ME! BLACK MIKE'S RAMRODDIN' THUH OUTFIT—AN' THEY GOT A HIDEOUT UP AT THUH TOP O' SKULL GORGE!

BLACK MIKE! JUMPIN' JELLYFISH—HE SHORE WASTED NO TIME AFTER GITTIN' OUTA JAIL!

AND I'M GOING TO WASTE NO TIME PUTTING HIM RIGHT BACK IN! SKULL GORGE, EH? I'M GOING AFTER THAT OUTFIT RIGHT NOW, SHERIFF!

WAIT, DURANGO! HOLD IT!

DAWGONNIT, THAR HE GOES! I SHORE HATE TUH SEE HIM TANGLE THET BUNCH ALONE—BUT I RECKON HE KNOWS WHUT HE'S DOIN'!

HIGH ALONG THE PASSES OF SKULL GORGE...

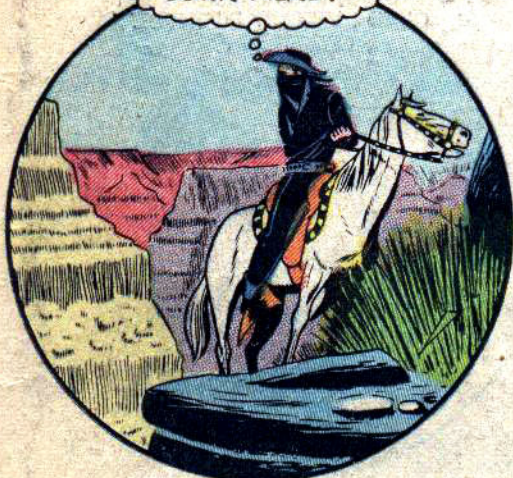
WAL, WE FIXED IT SO IDAHO HARRY LET HISSELF GET CAPTURED. IF HE DOES HIS JOB RIGHT, DURANGO OUGHTA BE COMIN' AFTER US ANY MINUTE...

...AN' FALL INTUH OUR TRAP! WE GOT RIFLEMEN HIDDEN UP AN' DOWN THIS GORGE!

IT'S WORKIN'! HYAR HE COMES!

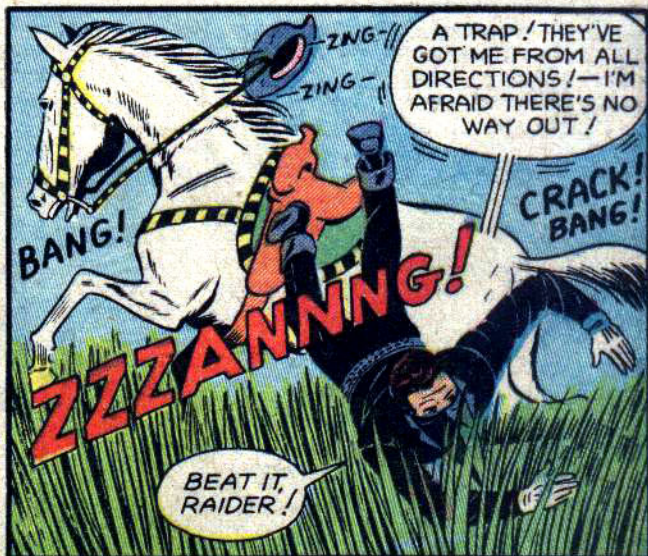


THINGS ARE JUST A BIT TOO QUIET—WHEW, I'D SURE HATE TO FALL DOWN THERE!



SKULL GORGE IS JUST A HALF MILE UP THE TRAIL—I'D BETTER START BEING CAREFUL...

LET 'IM PAST, BOYS—WAIT 'TILL HE GITS UP NEAR THUH TALL GRASS—THEN GIVE THUH SIGNAL AN' EVERYBODY SHOOTS TOGETHER!



THIS IS IT, BOYS! GIT UP AN' MOVE IN—AN' MOVE IN SHOOTIN'! I WANT HIM **DAID!**

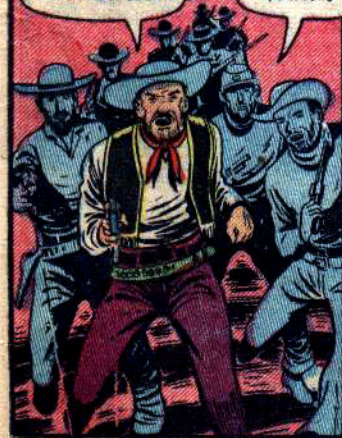
WE'RE CLOSIN' IN FROM ALL SIDES! DURANGO'LL NEVER GIT OUTA THIS TRAP!

I GOT 'IM! HE'S UP!... HE'S DOWN!...

HE'S STAGGERIN'! HE'S GONNA FALL OVER!

THAR HE GOES!

AIN'T **NOBODY** KIN LIVE THROUGH A FALL LIKE THET! THAR'S NUTHIN' BUT SHARP ROCKS—TWO-HUNDRED- FEET DOWN! **YAHOO!**





HE'S DAID,
ALL RIGHT! MUSTA
BROKE EVERY BONE
IN HIS BODY!

RIGHT—EVEN EF OUR
BULLETS MISSED 'IM! GOLLY—
HE'S JEST SQUASHED ALL
OUTA SHAPE! BR-R-R-R!



LISSEN TUH ME, BOYS! WHY BREAK
UP NOW? OUR JOB AIN'T DONE? WE
GOT A COMBINATION HYAR HARD
TUH BEAT—LET'S MOVE INTUH
TOWN AN' TAKE OVER!

RIGHT! WE'LL GIT
IDAHO HARRY OUTA
JAIL AN' PUT THUH
SHERIFF IN!
YIPPEE!



YAHOO! AIN'T NUTHIN'
GONNA STOP US NOW!

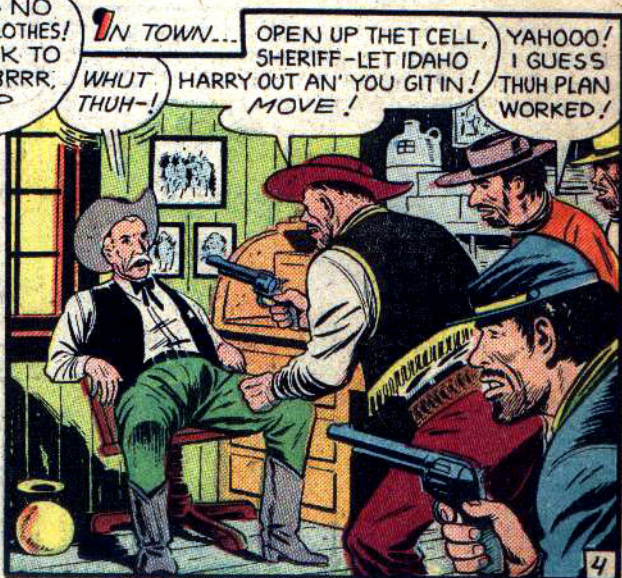
HMMMM—
THAT SO?



WELL, IT WORKED! I STUFFED
MY DURANGO CLOTHES WITH THE
TALL GRASS AND THREW IT
OVER THE CLIFF. WHEW—AM
GLAD I WASN'T IN THOSE
CLOTHES!



ONLY THING IS—THERE'S NO
WAY DOWN THERE TO GET MY CLOTHES!
I'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL DARK TO
SNEAK BACK INTO TOWN—BRRR.
IT'S SORT OF COLD UP
HERE!



IN TOWN...

WHUT
THUH—!

OPEN UP THET CELL,
SHERIFF—LET IDAHO
HARRY AN' YOU GIT IN!
MOVE!

YAHOOO!
I GUESS
THUH PLAN
WORKED!



IT WORKED ALL RIGHT! DURANGO'S DAID! AN' WE'RE TAKIN' OVER THIS TOWN! FROM NOW ON - WE'RE THUH LAW!

=G-G-GULP!=
DURANGO - DEAD!



DIDJA HEAR? DURANGO'S DAID! 'BLACK' MIKE'S TAKIN' OVER THUH TOWN! I'M GITTIN' OUT!

DURANGO - DURANGO - STEVE - OH, GOLLY, STEVIE - WHAT'LL I DO?



I RECKON THAR'S NUTHIN' LEFT FER ME BUT TUH =SOB! = PACK MUH SADDLEBAG AN' HIT THUH TRAIL - THUH =SOB! = LONELY TRAIL...



YIIIIII!!
STEVE! - I - I THOUGHT YUH WUZ DAID!

A LITTLE COLD, MAYBE - BUT FAR FROM DEAD, PAL! QUICK, PULL OUT ANOTHER DURANGO OUTFIT FOR ME!



AND NOW - I HAVE A DATE WITH BLACK MIKE AND HIS PALS. WHERE ARE THEY, MULEY?

RECKON THEY'RE IN THUH SALOON - CELEBRATIN' YORE DEATH!



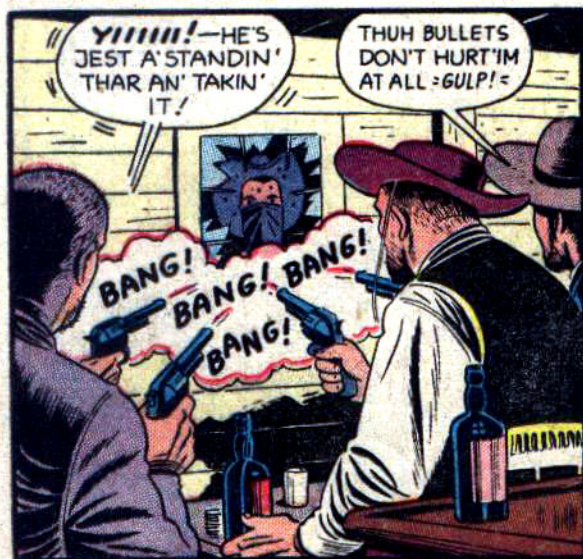
BUT YUH CAIN'T GO IN THAR **ALONE**, DURANGO - NOT EVEN YOU! THAR'S TEN OR FIFTEEN OF THEM HOMBRES - AN' THEY SHOOT ON SIGHT! THE CHANCES ARE AGIN' YUH!

HHMMM - MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT!



IN THAT CASE WE NEED SOME FANCY STRATEGY! COME ON, MULEY - WE'RE GOING TO JIM HART'S GENERAL STORE!

I D-D-DON'T GIT IT - BUT I RECKON I WILL =SIGH= IN TIME!





DURANGO'S WESTERN DICTIONARY

WITH this issue, THE DURANGO KID is inaugurating a new feature for his readers. This is to be a **DICTIONARY OF THE WEST**, including both western names and terms, explaining a little about Indians and pioneers, gunfighters and cowboys, horses and cattle. If you like the idea, why not write in and tell us so?

APACHE

The Apache were a number of Indian tribes living in and around Arizona, New Mexico and Mexico itself. These tribes consisted of Mimbreño, who ranged from the Rio Grande to the Gila rivers; the Mescalero, from the Pecos to the Rio Grande and down into Mexico; the Chiricahua; in the eastern part of Arizona and down into Mexico; and the Tonto, who also bore the name White Mountain Apaches because they lived in and near the White Mountains of Arizona.

They called the land in which they lived **APACHERIA**.

The heyday of these savage fighters were the years 1865 to 1885.

One of their most famous chiefs was **COCHISE**. Another was **GERONIMO**, who harassed the ranchers of the southwest in his sporadic raids. **MANGUS COLORADO** was a third chief whose fame has come down to us through the years.

The Apache himself was not a tall man, usually, though he was strong and wiry. He had a very deep chest, and sinewy, powerful legs. His hair was black and hung in thin strands to his shoulders. His face was broad, the cheekbones high, as they were in all Indians. Some Apaches were very good runners, with great endurance.

Never very great in numbers, the Apaches achieved their success in fighting because they were so familiar with the desert country in which they lived. Masters of disguise, they could make themselves look like a rock with their blanket and a little dirt. They liked the ambush, preferring to lurk among rocks of a canyon and make their attack in that manner, rather than use the colorful charge with which the Sioux and Cheyenne made their attacks.

The Apache are members of the Athabaskan tribal stock, and came into the American southwest sometime during the late fourteenth or early fifteenth centuries. When they secured horses (after the coming of the Spanish into Mexico) they became daring riders. They ranged down into Mexico, and fought many times with the Spanish and Mexicans. In the middle of the seventeenth century, we find them strong and savage, already raiding and murdering, making their names a dread to the Mexicans,

who they slaughtered and tortured when they could.

Not until 1850, when the expanding United States sent its cavalymen to the southwest, was there any determined effort made to subdue them. Even then, this war between whites and Apaches lasted for nearly half a century!

The garb of the Apache was very different from that of the Plains Indians. The Apache, wearing deerskin jackets to mid-thigh, belted with rawhide or with metal discs chained together, with their knee-high moccasins they called *n'deh b'keh*, and with red flannel headbands wrapped about their heads, were as distinctive as the Sioux (in their war-bonnets). Their thighs were naked, for they wore no trousers but only the breechclout under their jackets. Of course, in cold weather, they did have leggings of deerhide that they donned. Bead necklaces were worn. Most of their clothes were ornamented with long fringes.

The Apaches ate deer, rabbit, antelope and elk, turkey and quail. They ate cactus fruit, wild potatoes and meal, sunflower seeds and wild strawberries for their vegetables. They drank a fermented brew called *tiswin* that often made them very drunk.

They regarded the wind and thunder, rain and sun as gods.

BUFFALO

The American **BISON**, often misnamed the **BUFFALO**, was a powerful force in the life of the Indians before the white men drove them from their hunting grounds. Not only food but clothing and ornaments, rattles and medicine, were taken from this shaggy beast. The tepees were made of buffalo hide. The horns were used for magic, and to decorate the bonnets of the Indian medicine-men. Its hair was woven into ropes and belts. As can be seen, such tribes as the Sioux and Cheyenne, Blackfeet and Arapaho, Pawnee and Kiowa, needed the buffalo to exist.

At one time, the buffalo ranged all over North America, even as far eastward as *Pennsylvania*, and as far southward as *Georgia*! However, most people associate the buffalo only with the western prairies.

Their number ranged well into the millions. They were like "a moving, brown sea" when the early explorers first saw them. When the railroad was built across the United States in 1869, it halved the buffalo into a northern and a southern tribe. By 1873, the buffalos in the south were gone. The buffalos to the north lasted until 1883. Today, only on government lands can the bison be found, and then only in a few numbers.

The Indians hunted buffalo by driving them into great pens, by driving them over the edge of cliffs to fall to their deaths on the rocks below, and by racing on fast ponies into the moving herd, firing arrows or lances, and, when they got rifles, bullets. Sometimes a prairie brush-fire was started, with the herd being penned in the middle.

As many as were killed by the Indians, these were few indeed in number compared to those killed by white hunters. Many white men killed as many as two hundred a day, day after day! Their robes made warm blankets, and their bones were used for fertilizer.

As an animal, the buffalo was the largest mammal in North America. Sometimes a bull is eleven feet long, and stands six feet high at the shoulder! He may weigh almost as much as 2000 pounds! Females are smaller.

Today, there are about 25,000 buffalo living on reservations and game preserves.

DODGE CITY

Founded in 1872, Dodge City, Kansas, became a cow-town almost overnight. Originally it was called Buffalo City, and was built on the northerly side of the Arkansas River. The railroad boomed its population, for this was where the cow herds came, up the Chisholm and the Western trails, bringing long-horn cattle to the railroad pens, for loading into the cars. With the cattle came Texas gunmen, outlaws, human riffraff, and, inevitably, the lawmen.

Dodge has been called "Hell on the Plains" and "Babylon of the Frontier." There was no evil that was not committed at least once a day, between sunrise and sunset, including murder and robbery by violence, within the town's confines.

Men like WYATT EARP and "BAT" MASTERSON were two of the fastest gunmen who ever lived. They served Dodge City as town marshals, and helped bring its evil life under control.

Some of the more famous badmen who came into Dodge City at

one time or another included JOHN WESLEY HARDIN, the great Texas artist with the Colt, and the handsome killer, CLAY ALLISON.

Day and night, Dodge City was open for business. In the daytime, cattle herds and whooping cowboys used its streets; at night the saloons and dancehalls came to life, and gamblers and gunmen, dance-hall girls and outlaws rubbed elbows with prospectors and mule-skinners, Indian-fighters and traders. It was a colorful period of American history.

Today, Dodge City is a fine, modern city of which the United States and Kansas are justly proud. If ever any of you readers visit Dodge City, be sure to see its western museum. It is one of the finest in the world.

FANNING

Fanning is a method of shooting a sixgun. Instead of using the *trigger* of the Colt—as a matter of strict record, many "fanners" sawed off the trigger from their guns—the man who fanned his gun concentrated only on its *hammer*. Holding the gun in his right hand, he would bring the palm or heel of the left hand hard against the gun-hammer, bringing it back so that when it went forward again, it would fire the gun. Many "fanners" could fire sixguns as fast as they could move their palms back and forth across the hammers.

Fanning the gun was supposed to give the user of this method added speed. However, according to many real gunfighters, fanning often disturbed the aim of the gun, so that a fanner might often miss his target entirely.

GHOST TOWN

A ghost town is a town that once was inhabited and now is empty of all life. They dot the west from Montana south to Texas. Sometimes these towns were deserted overnight. Inasmuch as the towns sprang up because there were gold- or silver- or copper-mines nearby, when the claims or mines ran out there was no more reason for people to stay on. Occasionally a drop in market prices for silver and copper made it unprofitable, too. Or there might be a better strike discovered somewhere else. In these cases, everybody wanted to be on hand for that better strike. And so the town was abandoned and became a ghost town, where only the ghosts of the men killed there still wandered.

[We'll continue with this WESTERN DICTIONARY in the next issue of THE DURANGO KID.]

Dan Brand and Tipi

ON APRIL 19th, 1775, AT LEXINGTON, THE SHOT WAS FIRED THAT WAS HEARD ROUND THE WORLD—AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION WAS UNDER WAY! BUT NOW THAT THEY WERE ENGAGED IN A LARGE-SCALED WAR, THE PATRIOTS REALIZED WITH A SUDDEN PANG OF DESPAIR THAT THEY WERE IN DIRE NEED OF

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RIDE ON WITH YOUR MESSAGE!
THERE ARE NO MORE TROUBLE-
SPOTS BETWEEN HERE AND
WHERE YOU WILL PICK UP YOUR
NEXT ESCORT! AS FOR YOU,
REBEL—YOU'RE BREATHING YOUR
LAST LUNGFUL OF AIR! I'M
AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT SUMMARY
EXECUTIONS OF ALL REBEL
SPIES!



ANY LAST
WORDS,
REBEL?

MY DEATH HERE TONIGHT
IS A SMALL THING. IT
WILL NOT QUENCH THE
FIRES OF FREEDOM!
THEY WILL BURN EVER
BRIGHTER—TILL AT LAST
ALL OUR ENEMIES PERISH
IN THE FLAMES!



SUCH IMPUDENCE WILL
NOT GO UNREWARDED!

**READY!
AIM!**

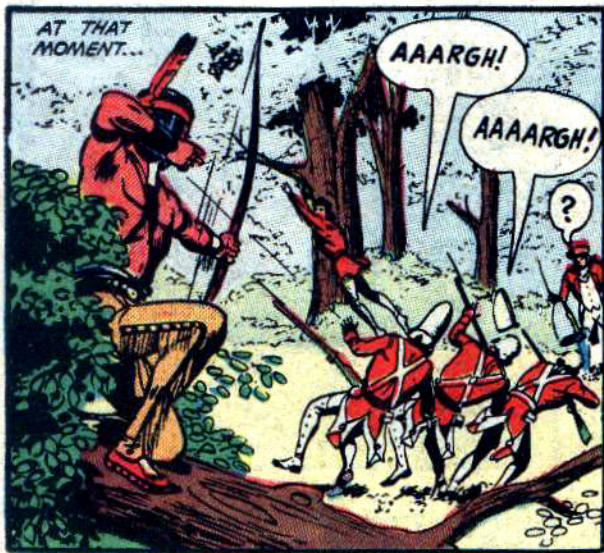


AT THAT
MOMENT...

AAARGH!

AAAARGH!

?



TIP! HAS
SAVED ME
AGAIN!

FIRE, YOU FOOLS, FIRE—
HE'S SWINGING THROUGH
THE TREES!



GOOD WORK, TIP!—
YOU BROUGHT THE
HORSES!

WHERE TO NOW,
DAN? THERE'S
NO CHANCE OF
OVERTAKING THE
COURIER!



A FEW DAYS LATER, DAN BRAND AND TIP! ARRIVE AT CASTLETON
WHERE ETHAN ALLEN AND HIS GREEN MOUNTAIN BOYS ARE
ASSEMBLED!

BLESS YOU FOR BRINGING THIS REPORT,
DAN BRAND! WE'VE BEEN WAITING HERE
LONG ENOUGH—I'LL LEAD MY MEN
OUT AT DAWN! FORT TICONDEROGA
MUST BE TAKEN BEFORE THE REIN-
FORCEMENTS COME FROM CANADA!



DAN KNOWS ETHAN ALLEN TO BE A MAN OF HIS WORD—
A BRAVE AND RESOURCEFUL LEADER! BUT THERE IS
ONE THING THAT DAN DOES NOT KNOW...

COLONEL CHISWOLD, DISGUISED AS A FRONTIERSMAN HAS TRAILED DAN TO CASTLETON!

SO ALLEN PLANS TO ATTACK AT DAWN! I'LL HAVE TO GET TO THE FORT BEFORE HIM! WITH A GARRISON OF ONLY FORTY-TWO MEN, THERE WON'T BE ANY CHANCE TO SET UP AN EFFECTIVE DEFENSE—BUT WE'LL BE ABLE TO SPIKE THE CANNON, SO THEY'LL BE USELESS TO THE REBELS!



HEY! WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' THERE BY THE HEAD-QUARTER'S WINDOW?

OF ALL THE TIMES TO BE APPREHENDED BY A REBEL DOLT!

HERE'S MY PASS, MAN! LOOK CLOSE!



HEY!
A-A-A-RGH!

THUD



I HEARD SCUFFLING!
LOOK—THAT SOLDIER!



HE'S DEAD!

THERE'S ONLY ONE MAN IN THE COLONIES WHO'S BIG ENOUGH TO WEAR A MOCCASIN THAT SIZE! AND THAT'S THE BRITISH STAFF OFFICER, COLONEL CHISWOLD!

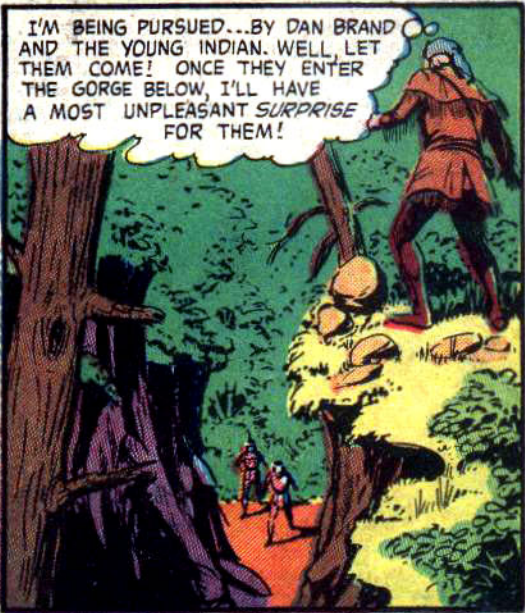


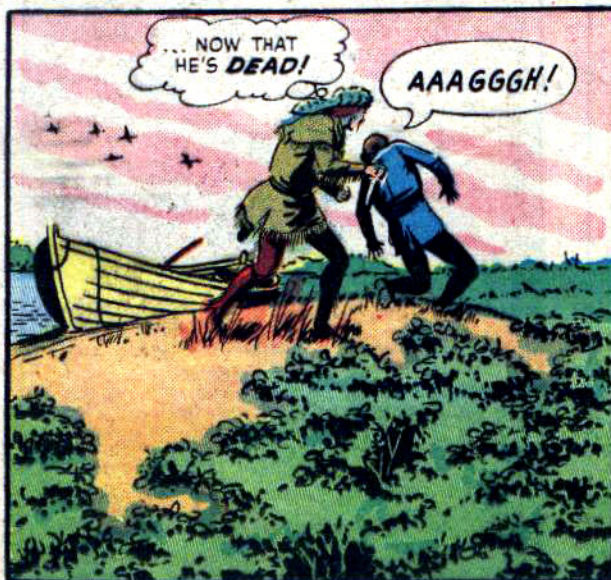
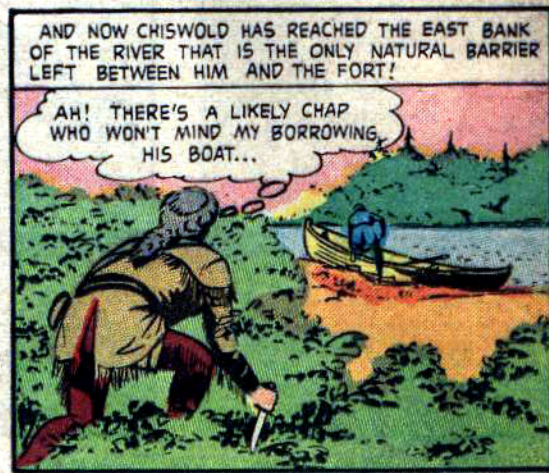
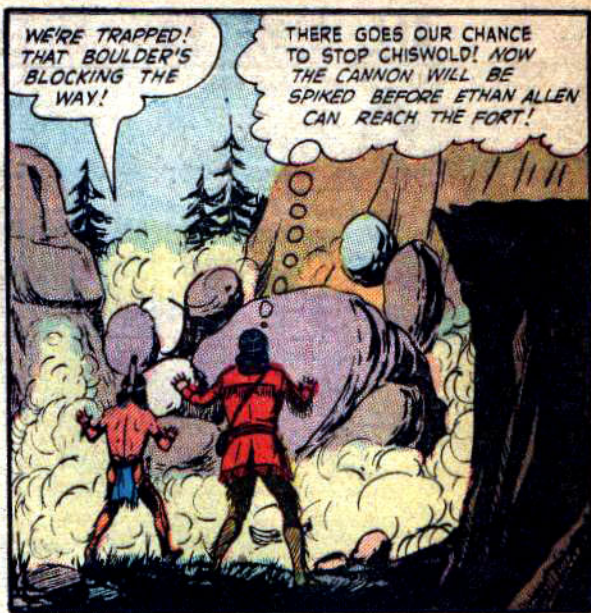
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GOOD! SOON AS I GET MY GREEN MOUNTAIN BOYS TOGETHER, WE'LL MOVE OUT AFTER YOU!



I'M BEING PURSUED...BY DAN BRAND AND THE YOUNG INDIAN. WELL, LET THEM COME! ONCE THEY ENTER THE GORGE BELOW, I'LL HAVE A MOST UNPLEASANT SURPRISE FOR THEM!





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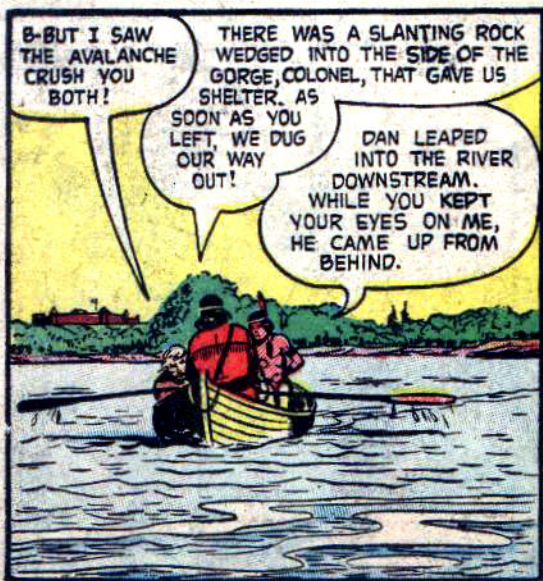
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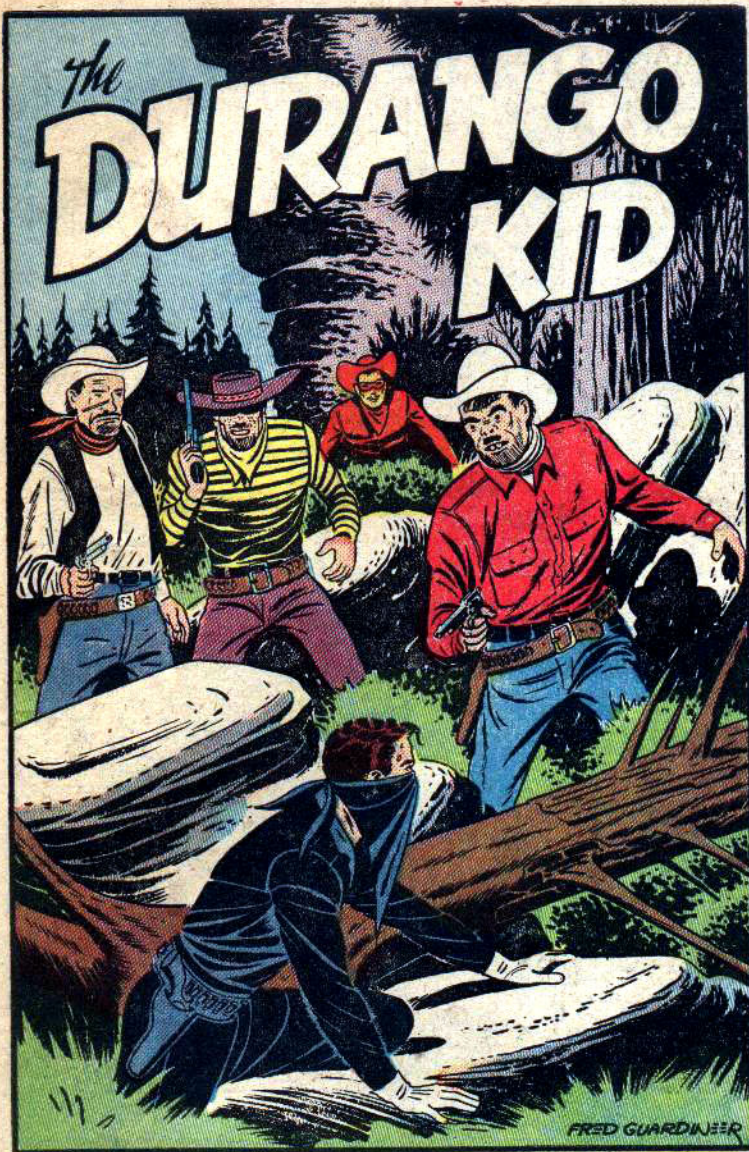
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AS THE DURANGO KID CLAMBERED ASHORE, HE WAS REELING FROM A BACK-BREAKING SWIM AGAINST THE SWIFT CURRENT! GRINNING CRUELY, THE THREE KILLERS CLOSED IN / AND FROM THE NEARBY BUSHES PEERED THE RED SCORPION, DURANGO'S FIERCEST ADVERSARY! ONCE DURANGO WAS DEAD, NOTHING WOULD STAND IN THE WAY OF THE

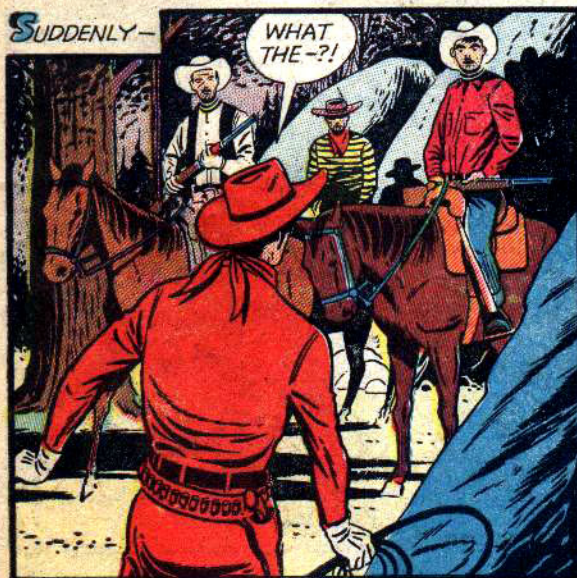
"RETURN OF THE RED SCORPION!"

FORCED TO FLEE FROM DEAD MAN DAM, THE RED SCORPION WALKS A MOUNTAIN TRAIL, HIS HEAD HANGING WITH SHAME...

DURANGO
BESTED ME FAIR AND SQUARE.
BUT THE NEXT TIME OUR
TRAILS CROSS...!



SUDDENLY—



GRAB SKY
STRANGER! WE'RE
ALL CRACK
SHOTS!





IF IT'S EMPTY SADDLEBAGS YOU'RE INTERESTED IN...

AIN'T THAT / YUH'RE TRAIPSIN' TOO CLOSE TO OUR HIDE-OUT FER COMFORT!

QUIT THUH PALAYER! LET'S PERCOLATE HIM!



OWW!!

BANG!

BANG!

THIS WHIP SAYS YOU DON'T!



AND IF YOU'RE STILL IN A LISTENING MOOD, MY GU--HEY!

MAKE TRACKS, MEN—THUH GUN-FIRE'S STARTED AN AVALANCHE!



AARGH!

THUD!



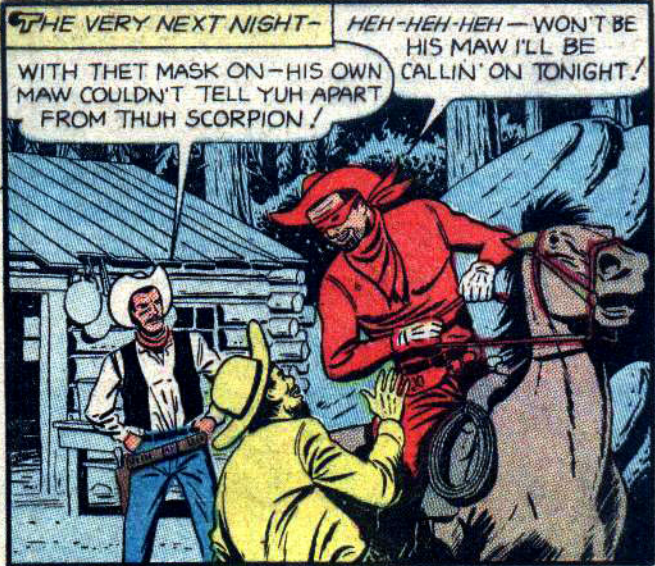
LATER— HMMM— WE CLEARED IT 'CAUSE OF OUR HÖSSES! BUT HE'S OUT COLD— AN' IN BAD SHAPE TOO, MIGHT AS WELL FINISH HIM OFF...

WAIT!! RECKERNIZE HIM!

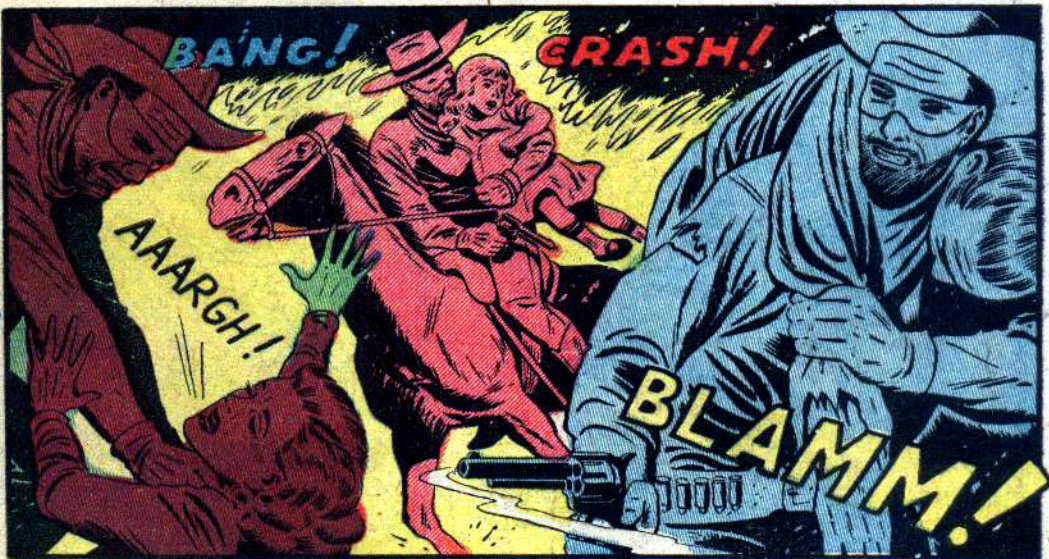
HE'S THUH RED SCORPION—THUH FASTEST-DRAWIN' OWL-HOOT THAT EVER CLEARED LEATHER! ALL FOLKS HAVE TA DO IS JUST SEE THET RED OUTFIT OF HIS, AN' THEY REACH FER THUH SKY! KNOW WHUT WE'RE GONNA DO ON OUR JOBS FROM NOW ON, MEN? WE'RE GONNA WEAR HIS SCORPION OUTFIT!

THET'S A GOOD PLAN! WE KIN TAKE TURNS AT WEARIN' IT! AN' BEIN' THAT WE ALL USE TA RIDE THUH RODEO CIRCUIT, WE KIN RIDE AN' SHOOT WITH THUH BEST OF 'EM! OUR BULLETS PLUS HIS REPUTATION WILL MAKE US HARDER TO BEAT THAN—HEY! WHUT'RE YUH DOIN' WITH THET GUN?!





AND SO STARTS A SERIES OF HORRENDOUS CRIMES, ALL COMMITTED BY A RIDER IN RED, ALL FEATURING SUPERB HORSEMANSHIP, RECKLESS DARING, AND BRUTAL RUTHLESSNESS!



AND THE AFTERMATH IS ALWAYS DEATH!



A WEEK
LATER—

TH—THUH
RED
SCORPION!

PULL REIN, DRIVER—
OR YORE WIDOW'LL BE WISHIN'
TOMORRER THET YUH
HAD!



CAN'T RISK
TRYING A SHOT
FROM HERE! IF I
ONLY WOUND HIM, HE'LL
TAKE IT OUT ON THE
PASSENGERS! HMM—
IF I LASSO THAT
STUMP ACROSS
THE RAVINE...



OOOFF!

KURRAASSHH!



CRACK!
CRACK!

HEADS DOWN,
EVERYBODY—
IT'S RAININ'
LEAD!

TWEET!
TWEET!

RAVINE'S TOO NARROW FOR ME
TO SHOOT AFTER HIM—RICOCHETS
MIGHT HIT THE PASSENGERS! BUT I'M
ON HIS TRAIL NOW! AND I'M NOT
GETTING OFF TILL THERE'S A
NOOSE AROUND HIS NECK...

GLEAR UP TO THE MOUNTAINS,
DURANGO GRIMLY FOLLOWS THE
KILLER'S TRAIL!

DON'T HAVE TO
WORRY ABOUT THE SCORPION DRY-
GULCHING ME! HE HAS TOO MUCH
VANITY TO WRIGGLE OUT OF A
FACE-TO-FACE DUEL WITH THE
DURANGO KID!

LOOKA HIM
RIDIN' RIGHT
OUT IN
THUH OPEN!
I TOLD YUH
HE'D BE
COMIN'
AFTER ME!

YUH THINK
THUH
SCORPION'S
ALL RIGHT
BACK IN
THUH
HIDE-OUT?

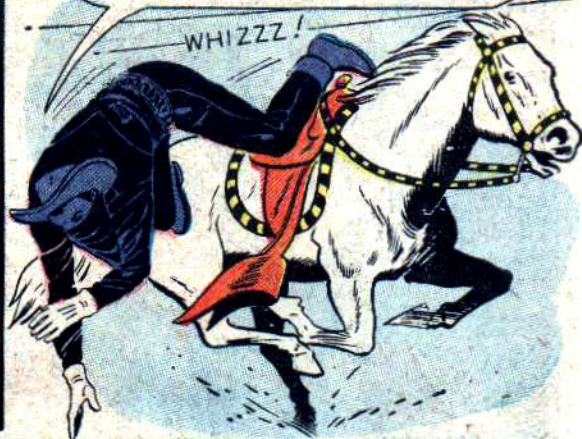
YOU TIED HIM!
WHY'RE YUH
ASKIN' US...?
DON'T TAKE
YORE SIGHTS
OFF DURANGO!
SOON AS HE
PASSES THET
BOULDER, WE'RE
ALL GONNA
SHOOT TO
KILL!





BUT WHILE THE OWLHOOTS' FINGERS WERE STILL TAKING UP THEIR TRIGGERS' SLACK —

CAREFUL, RAIDER, FOOTING'S BAD-HEY! SOMEBODY'S SHOOTING AT US!



DID WE GIT HIM?

NAW — HIS DURNED HOSS STUMBLED JIST BEFORE WE SHOT!

THAR HE IS — PEEPIN' OVER THUH BOULDER! BLAST, MEN!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE MURDEROUS TRIO'S HIDEOUT —

THE SHOOTING'S STARTED UP AGAIN! LUCKY THE BUCK-TOOTHED ONE WAS IN SUCH A HURRY TODAY WHEN HE TIED ME TO THE CHAIR — I WAS ABLE TO SLUMP OVER WITHOUT HIS NOTICING...



...AND NOW THE ROPE'S LOOSE ENOUGH FOR ME TO WORK ON IT WITH MY TEETH!



RUSH HIM, MEN! HE'S WINGED FER SURE NOW!

YIPPEEE! WHATTA HAUL — THUH SCORPION OUR PRISONER AN' DURANGO DEAD!







MY GUN IS WATER-LOGGED! C-CAN HARDLY STAND ON MY FEET...

YUH WON'T GIT AWAY THIS TIME!

I'M GONNA DRILL YUH RIGHT BETWEEN THUH EYES!

HOW DOES IT FEEL, DURANGO, TO BE PLUMB SURE YUH'RE GONNA DIE?



BLAMM!



OWWW! IT-IT'S THUH SCORPION! HE GOT LOOSE!

HERE'S A GUN FOR YOU, DURANGO! LET'S WORK OVER THEM TOGETHER!



NEVER DREAMED I'D BE GLAD TO SEE YOU TODAY, SCORPION!

FOR A SECOND BACK THERE, I THOUGHT I'D LET YOU DIE...BUT WHEN YOUR TIME COMES, I WANT TO BE THE ONE WHO BLASTS YOU!

CRACK! CRACK!



TSK-TSK—THIS ONE DROPPED HIS GUNS!

MIGHTY CARELESS OF THE GENTLEMAN!

AIEEE!



LATER—DON'T THINK I'VE TURNED SOFT BECAUSE OF WHAT I DID TODAY, DURANGO! I'M STILL YOUR ENEMY!

NOTHING SOFT ABOUT YOU, SCORPION. BUT I HAVE A SNEAKING SUSPICION THAT WAY DOWN UNDER ALL THAT BLUSTER THERE'S A WIDE STREAK OF DECENCY!



AND SO THE TWO GREAT FIGHTERS GO THEIR SEPARATE WAYS AGAIN!

WHO KNOWS UNDER WHAT STRANGE CIRCUMSTANCE THEY WILL MEET AGAIN...?

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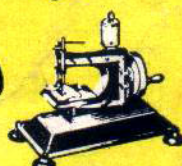
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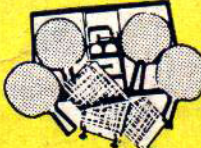


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